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500 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.4 percentage points

Study #2202

November 8-13, 2019

2,012 active registered voter contacts
weighted by age and congressional district

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[Ask all.] How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2020 when presidential candidates will be on the agenda—will you definitely attend, probably attend, might or might not attend, or probably not attend? **(If definitely or probably attend, ask:)** Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus?

Dec-18, Mar-19: How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2020 when presidential candidates will be on the agenda—will you definitely attend, probably attend, or probably not attend? **(If definitely or probably attend, ask:)** Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus? **[Mar-19: Note to interviewer: If respondent asks, virtually or in person? The words I have are “attend.” In other words, offer no further clarification.]**

#Jun-19: This year the Democratic caucuses will be a little different. In addition to the regular meetings on caucus night, the Democratic Party of Iowa will convene virtual caucuses to take place online or by phone on several days leading up to the traditional, in-person caucus meetings on February 3rd. Do you think you would definitely participate in the 2020 caucuses—either in person or in a virtual caucus—probably participate, might or might not participate, or probably not participate?

Sep-19: First, how likely is it you will attend the Democratic party caucuses scheduled for February of 2020—will you definitely attend, probably attend, might or might not attend, or probably not attend?

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	Definitely attend Democratic caucus	Probably attend Democratic caucus	Definitely attend Republican caucus	Probably attend Republican caucus	Might or might not attend a caucus	Probably not attend a caucus	Don't know which caucus will attend	Not sure
Nov-19	63	37	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-19	60	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	-
#Jun-19	62	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	-
Mar-19	50	50	-	-	n/a	-	-	-
Dec-18	57	43	-	-	n/a	-	-	-

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Have you in the past attended party caucuses to show your preference for presidential candidates, or would this be your first time to participate? **(If attended in the past, ask:) Was that a Republican caucus, a Democratic caucus, or both?**

Mar-19, Jun-19: Have you attended caucuses in the past or will this be your first caucus? (If attended in past, ask:) Was that a Republican caucus, a Democratic caucus, or both?

	Attended Republican caucus in the past	Attended Democratic caucus in the past	Attended both	First caucus	Not sure
Nov-19	4	57	9	30	-
Sep-19	8	64	9	19	-
#Jun-19	4	72	7	17	-
Mar-19	6	62	7	25	1
Dec-18	11	60	7	21	-

Now, I'm going to mention some candidates for the Democratic nomination for president. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

Comparisons to the final poll of the 2016 caucus cycle are included where available. Among likely Democratic caucusgoers in late Jan-16: Now, I'm going to mention some prominent politicians, including presidential candidates. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable.

		Fav	Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.								
Michael Bennet, U.S. senator from Colorado	Nov-19			5	20	19	8	47
	Sep-19			3	17	15	7	57
	#Jun-19			3	16	9	3	70
	Mar-19			3	15	5	2	75
Joe Biden, former vice president of the United States	Nov-19			24	40	19	14	3
	Sep-19			29	38	17	12	5
	#Jun-19			34	38	14	10	4
	Mar-19			45	37	8	6	4
	Dec-18			47	35	11	4	4
Joe Biden	late Jan-16			41	40	7	5	7
Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City	Nov-19			5	14	28	30	23
	Mar-19			3	24	27	11	34
	Dec-18			8	32	20	11	29
Michael Bloomberg	late Jan-16			2	15	17	9	57
Cory Booker, U.S. senator from New Jersey	Nov-19			14	38	20	9	19
	Sep-19			18	42	14	8	18
	#Jun-19			20	35	13	6	26
	Mar-19			13	39	9	5	33
	Dec-18			18	31	6	6	39
Steve Bullock, governor of Montana	Nov-19			5	19	18	8	50
	Sep-19			4	14	16	7	59
	#Jun-19			5	14	8	2	71
	Mar-19			2	8	8	3	79
	Dec-18			2	9	5	3	82
Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Indiana	Nov-19			42	30	10	6	12
	Sep-19			33	35	8	5	18
	#Jun-19			32	29	7	5	26
	Mar-19			5	12	7	4	73

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		Fav	Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Julián Castro, former U.S. secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Nov-19			8	26	24	11	30
	Sep-19			5	30	24	12	29
	#Jun-19			7	27	10	4	53
	Mar-19			7	27	5	3	58
	Dec-18			6	21	7	3	63
John Delaney, former U.S. representative from Maryland	Nov-19			3	15	22	12	48
	Sep-19			3	14	23	11	49
	#Jun-19			6	21	13	5	55
	Mar-19			5	22	8	5	61
John Delaney, U.S. congressman from Maryland	Dec-18			6	19	7	4	64
Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. representative from Hawaii	Nov-19			7	18	28	17	30
	Sep-19			6	20	21	10	43
	#Jun-19			5	18	11	9	57
	Mar-19			5	17	9	6	64
Kamala Harris, U.S. senator from California	Nov-19			16	39	16	15	13
	Sep-19			23	40	15	9	13
	#Jun-19			31	32	8	5	23
	Mar-19			23	35	4	5	33
	Dec-18			19	29	6	4	41
Amy Klobuchar, U.S. senator from Minnesota	Nov-19			20	33	16	8	24
	Sep-19			17	36	16	6	26
	#Jun-19			12	32	14	4	38
	Mar-19			13	30	9	6	41
	Dec-18			16	22	5	3	54
Bernie Sanders, U.S. senator from Vermont	Nov-19			31	30	23	12	4
	Sep-19			26	33	24	13	5
	#Jun-19			32	37	17	8	5
	Mar-19			37	34	16	9	4
	Dec-18			43	31	12	10	4
Bernie Sanders	late Jan-16			42	40	8	4	6
Joe Sestak, former U.S. representative from Pennsylvania	Nov-19			2	6	16	7	69
	Sep-19			2	5	14	8	72
Tom Steyer, businessman	Nov-19			10	27	24	15	24
	Sep-19			7	19	21	11	41
Tom Steyer, hedge fund manager and activist	Dec-18			5	15	14	6	61
Elizabeth Warren, U.S. senator from Massachusetts	Nov-19			36	34	14	11	5
	Sep-19			44	31	11	7	8
	#Jun-19			38	33	10	7	12
	Mar-19			25	38	12	8	17
	Dec-18			30	35	7	16	14
Elizabeth Warren	late Jan-16			30	17	4	3	46
Marianne Williamson, author	Nov-19			4	7	22	25	41
	Sep-19			2	7	25	23	42
	#Jun-19			2	7	11	7	73
Marianne Williamson, author and activist	Mar-19			1	7	7	4	80
Andrew Yang, businessman	Nov-19			11	33	23	10	24
	Sep-19			7	29	22	10	32
	#Jun-19			5	14	10	5	66
	Mar-19			2	5	7	5	81
	Dec-18			1	4	6	6	83

Which one of the following Democrats would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**
And who would your second choice be? **(If None of these or Not sure in first choice question, record “No first choice” in second choice question and do not ask. Read list only if necessary.)**
(Ask all.) I’m going to read the list one more time, excluding any names you may have already mentioned. This time, please tell me if the person is someone you are actively considering or not. Just answer yes or no. **(Read list, excluding answers to first and second choice questions. Mark all yeses. Same order as first choice question.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.		First Choice	Second Choice	Total selecting as either first or second choice (added across columns, not recalculated)	Actively considering	Candidate footprint (Added across columns, not recalculated: 1 st /2 nd choice and actively considering)
Michael Bennet	Nov-19	1	*	1	10	11
	Sep-19	*	1	1	8	9
	#Jun-19	1	*	1	8	9
	Mar-19	1	1	2	n/a	n/a
Joe Biden	Nov-19	15	13	28	30	58
	Sep-19	20	10	30	30	60
	#Jun-19	23	13	36	25	61
	Mar-19	27	19	46	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	32	18	50	n/a	n/a
Michael Bloomberg	Nov-19	2	1	3	11	14
	Dec-18	3	3	6	n/a	n/a
Cory Booker	Nov-19	3	3	6	30	36
	Sep-19	3	4	7	35	42
	#Jun-19	1	6	7	36	43
	Mar-19	3	3	6	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	4	7	11	n/a	n/a
Steve Bullock	Nov-19	*	*	*	8	8
	Sep-19	1	*	1	8	9
	#Jun-19	*	1	1	9	10
	Mar-19	1	0	1	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Pete Buttigieg	Nov-19	25	14	39	29	68
	Sep-19	9	9	18	37	55
	#Jun-19	15	9	24	28	52
	Mar-19	1	1	2	n/a	n/a
Julián Castro	Nov-19	*	1	1	17	18
	Sep-19	1	1	2	20	22
	#Jun-19	1	*	1	20	21
	Mar-19	1	2	3	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	1	*	1	n/a	n/a
John Delaney	Nov-19	0	*	*	7	7
	Sep-19	1	*	1	9	10
	#Jun-19	1	1	2	16	18
	Mar-19	1	*	1	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	1	*	1	n/a	n/a
Tulsi Gabbard	Nov-19	3	3	6	11	17
	Sep-19	2	1	3	12	15
	#Jun-19	*	2	2	12	14
	Mar-19	*	2	2	n/a	n/a

Consistent with CNN practices, a zero in the horserace question indicates the candidate received no responses. An asterisk indicates at least one respondent selected the candidate, but the percentage rounds down to zero (<0.5).

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Kamala Harris	Nov-19	3	7	10	36	46
	Sep-19	6	10	16	39	55
	#Jun-19	6	14	20	32	52
	Mar-19	7	11	18	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	5	6	11	n/a	n/a
Amy Klobuchar	Nov-19	6	6	12	27	39
	Sep-19	3	4	7	30	37
	#Jun-19	2	1	3	29	32
	Mar-19	3	3	6	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	3	2	5	n/a	n/a
Bernie Sanders	Nov-19	15	13	28	26	54
	Sep-19	11	10	21	29	50
	#Jun-19	16	11	27	29	56
	Mar-19	25	13	38	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	19	14	33	n/a	n/a
Joe Sestak	Nov-19	*	0	*	3	3
	Sep-19	0	*	*	4	4
Tom Steyer	Nov-19	3	3	6	20	26
	Sep-19	2	1	3	18	21
	Dec-18	*	1	1	n/a	n/a
Elizabeth Warren	Nov-19	16	20	36	30	66
	Sep-19	22	20	42	29	71
	#Jun-19	15	14	29	32	61
	Mar-19	9	12	21	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	8	10	18	n/a	n/a
Marianne Williamson	Nov-19	0	1	1	6	7
	Sep-19	*	*	*	6	6
	#Jun-19	0	*	*	6	6
	Mar-19	*	0	*	n/a	n/a
Andrew Yang	Nov-19	3	2	5	28	33
	Sep-19	2	2	4	20	24
	#Jun-19	1	1	2	13	15
	Mar-19	*	*	*	n/a	n/a
	Dec-18	*	1	1	n/a	n/a
None of these (VOL)	Nov-19	2	2		13	
	Sep-19	2	1		13	
	#Jun-19	7	2		8	
	Mar-19	3	2		n/a	
	Dec-18	4	3		n/a	
Not sure	Nov-19	5	3		2	
	Sep-19	14	7		2	
	#Jun-19	6	5		5	
	Mar-19	10	6		n/a	
	Dec-18	6	6		n/a	
No first choice	Nov-19	n/a	7			
	Sep-19	n/a	16			
	#Jun-19	n/a	13			
	Mar-19	n/a	13			
	Dec-18	n/a	10			

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Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. How would you describe your level of enthusiasm for your first-choice candidate [CANDIDATE NAME]—are you extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, mildly enthusiastic, or not that enthusiastic? **(Asked only of those who selected a first-choice candidate, but total based on all.)**

	Extremely enthusiastic	Very enthusiastic	Mildly enthusiastic	Not that enthusiastic	Not sure	No first-choice candidate
Nov-19	31	42	17	2	1	7
Sep-19	28	39	16	2	-	16
#Jun-19	31	41	12	1	1	13

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Regardless of your level of enthusiasm, would you say your mind is made up to support [FIRST CHOICE CANDIDATE] or could you still be persuaded to support another candidate as your first choice? **(Asked only of those who selected a first-choice candidate, but total based on all.)**

	Mind is made up	Could be persuaded	Not sure	No first-choice candidate
Nov-19	30	62	1	7
Sep-19	20	63	1	16

I'm going to mention these candidates again. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you think the person's political views are too liberal, about right, or too conservative. **(Rotate list.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.		Too Liberal	About Right	Too Conservative	Not Sure
Joe Biden	Nov-19	7	55	28	11
	Mar-19	6	70	14	10
Pete Buttigieg	Nov-19	7	63	13	17
	Mar-19	44	48	2	7
Bernie Sanders	Nov-19	53	37	3	6
	Mar-19	44	48	2	7
Elizabeth Warren	Nov-19	38	48	4	10
	Mar-19	23	54	4	19

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Which is more important to you personally: **(Read items. Rotate.)**

	That the winner of the Iowa Democratic caucus be a candidate for president with a strong chance of beating Donald Trump	That the winner of the Iowa Democratic caucus be a candidate for president who shares your positions on major issues	Not Sure
Nov-19	63	32	4
Sep-19	63	31	6
#Jun-19	65	31	4
Dec-18	54	40	6

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Thinking about the way a candidate for president might approach their policy positions, would you rather see the Democratic presidential nominee: **(Read choices. Do not rotate.)**

- 36 Advocate for policies that would result in big changes, even if they have a lower chance of becoming law
- 52 Advocate for policies that have a good chance of becoming law, even if the changes they make aren't as big
- 11 Not sure

For each of the following potential Democratic nominees, please tell me how confident you are the person could beat Donald Trump—do you feel almost certain the person will beat Donald Trump, fairly confident, not very confident, or are you almost certain that the Democrat will lose? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.		Almost Certain to Beat	Fairly Confident	Not Very Confident	Almost Certain to Lose	Not Sure
Joe Biden	Nov-19	25	27	22	21	5
Pete Buttigieg	Nov-19	16	30	24	19	10
Bernie Sanders	Nov-19	17	23	22	31	6
Elizabeth Warren	Nov-19	15	31	22	24	8

Likely Democratic caucusgoers

Compared to:

Study #2196

602 likely Democratic caucusgoers

weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

September 14-18, 2019

3,510 active registered voter contacts

Margin of error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Study #2190

433 Likely in-person Democratic caucus attenders

Margin of error: ± 4.7 percentage points

June 2-5, 2019

3,776 active registered voter contacts

weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

Study #2185

401 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 5.0 percentage points

March 3-6, 2019

1,618 active registered voter contacts

weighted by age and sex

Study #2182

455 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.6 percentage points

December 10-13, 2018

1,838 active registered voter contacts

weighted by age and congressional district

Study #2133

602 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.0 percentage points for

January 26-29, 2016

3,019 contacts weighted by age, sex, and

congressional district to conform to active voters
in the Iowa voter registration list

Study #1921

399 Democratic likely caucus-goers

Margin of error: ± 4.9 percentage points

October 1-3, 2007

ABOUT THE POLL

The Iowa Poll, conducted November 8-13, 2019, for *The Des Moines Register*, CNN and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 500 registered voters in Iowa who say they will definitely or probably attend the 2020 Democratic caucuses and 502 registered Republicans who are not planning to participate in the Democratic caucuses.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 2,012 randomly selected active voters from the Iowa secretary of state's voter registration list by telephone. The sample was supplemented with additional phone number lookups. Interviews were administered in English. Responses for all contacts were adjusted by age and congressional district to reflect their proportions among active voters in the list. For the registered Republican sample, responses for the 533 registered Republican contacts were adjusted by age and congressional district to reflect their proportions among active registered Republicans in the voter registration list.

Questions based on the sample of 500 voters likely to attend the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points, as does the sample of 502 registered Republicans. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 4.4 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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